

SEPTEMBER

2008

Meeting

Tuesday

Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>

6:30 p.m.

Madisonville  
Country Club

Menu

Grilled  
Chicken Wrap

Pasta Salad

Program

Hopkins  
County  
Republican  
Party  
Representative

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# BPW/HC News

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## President's Message

I want to thank Wanda Crowe for calling me. I had a very stressful day and forgot about our meeting. I had my agenda ready and was prepared for the meeting, then forgot to go. Thanks to Wanda calling and Patti Fallin's help I was able to carry on.

I appreciated Tonya Bowman being at our meeting and having a wonderful program. I am sure all of us with daughters and granddaughters appreciate her efforts. She sure would be a great BPW member. We'll all have to try and recruit her.

I think everyone enjoyed our scholarship winner Ms. Audrey Fowler and her mom. I think she will make us proud.

I enjoyed our auction. I have plenty of books to keep me entertained for awhile.

Here is a little something we all need to consider. Laughing Lengthens Lives - Studies have concluded that people who laugh a lot are healthier than those who don't. Learn a lesson from six-year-olds, who laugh an average of 300 times a day. They know life is pretty

funny! Adults only laugh 15 to 100 times a day, even though it lowers levels of stress hormones and strengthens the immune system. Lighten up, girls!

Again, I apologize for being late.

Your President,

Teresea Hatler  
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## Did You Know . . .

- The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs was founded on July 14, 1919.
- With the passage of the 19th amendment on August 26, 1920, women were finally granted the right to vote.

## Calendar of Events

- SEP 2 MEETING – Madisonville Golf & Country Club
- SEP 15 Kentucky Cardinal Deadline
- SEP 20 BPW/HC Newsletter Deadline
- OCT 7 MEETING – Madisonville Golf & Country Club
- OCT 20-24 National Business Women's Week
- NOV 4 MEETING – Madisonville Golf & Country Club

### **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT** submitted by Wanda Morrow

What better way to start our Member Spotlight than to start with our current leader, President, Teresea Hatler. When I think of ways to describe Teresea, down to earth, compassionate, and feisty all come to mind. She is a positive influence and is a great source of information. She is the former owner of the Pennyrile Hearing Aid business and currently works for Brashers Mattress Gallery. She is hardworking, generous and committed to her family. We look forward to and enjoy the July meetings when she graciously opens her home to us.

She is a person that illustrates what Business & Professional Women is all about. She has strong leadership qualities and is extremely dedicated to helping our organization to grow.

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### **NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK AWARDS** submitted by Sharon Smith

NBWW is fast approaching (the week of October 20-24) and it is the time of year to nominate a local woman for Woman of The Year and Woman of Achievement.

The Woman of The Year is usually a member of our club and Woman of Achievement is any woman in our community who has achieved her goals through education, business and professional experience, and civic participation.

Nominations are also being sought for Employer of The Year / Business Equity Award. This award is usually presented to a local employer for recognition of the importance of women in the workplace and their promotion of quality work place policies for women and families.

Please submit your nominations for these awards at your earliest convenience.

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## BPW/USA – Legislative Update

August 15, 2008

### 1. **\*\*Take Action\*\* Ask the Senate to Support Paid Parental Leave and Equal Pay**

Congress has gone home for the August recess, but will return September 8th to a jammed packed calendar. Don't let our issues get pushed off the list!

- **Paid Parental Leave** - The Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act (S. 3140) is moving its way through the U.S. Senate. The bill, which would provide federal workers with four weeks of paid leave for the birth or adoption of a child, was passed by the House in June and was introduced in the Senate soon afterwards by Senators Webb (D-VA) and Warner (R-VA). The bill is scheduled to go before the Committee for Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs when Congress returns after Labor Day. A paid parental leave bill for federal workers is a critical benchmark for achieving paid family and medical leave for all workers. [Write your Senator and ask him or her to support Paid Parental Leave.](#)

#### 14 Senate Co-sponsors of the Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act

Cardin, Benjamin L. [MD]	Mikulski, Barbara A. [MD]
Casey, Robert P., Jr. [PA]	Obama, Barack [IL]
Clinton, Hillary Rodham [NY]	Sanders, Bernard [VT]
Durbin, Richard [IL]	Sen Schumer, Charles E. [NY]
Kerry, John F. [MA]	Stabenow, Debbie [MI]
Lautenberg, Frank R. [NJ]	Tester, Jon [MT]
McCaskill, Claire [MO]	Warner, John [VA]

#### [Is your Senator missing from this list? Write them now!](#)

- **Paycheck Fairness Act** - On July 31st, the House of Representatives approved the Paycheck Fairness Act (HR 1338/S 766) which would update and strengthen the Equal Pay Act of 1963, closing loop holes and improving the law's effectiveness. The Senate version of the bill, sponsored by Sen. Clinton (D-NY), will languish in committee if we do not tell our Senators that this is a priority! [Write your Senator and tell him or her to support equal pay.](#)

#### 22 Senate Co-sponsors of the Paycheck Fairness Act

Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [DE]	Lautenberg, Frank R. [NJ]
Boxer, Barbara [CA]	Leahy, Patrick J. [VT]
Brown, Sherrod [OH]	Levin, Carl [MI]
Cantwell, Maria [WA]	Menendez, Robert [NJ]
Dodd, Christopher J. [CT]	Mikulski, Barbara A. [MD]
Durbin, Richard [IL]	Murray, Patty [WA]
Feingold, Russell D. [WI]	Obama, Barack [IL]
Harkin, Tom [IA]	Reed, Jack [RI]
Kennedy, Edward M. [MA]	Reid, Harry [NV]
Kerry, John F. [MA]	Sanders, Bernard [VT]
Klobuchar, Amy [MN]	Schumer, Charles E. [NY]

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### 2. Congress Hears Testimony on Sexual Assault in the Military

Before departing for the August recess, the House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on sexual assault in the military. Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (D-NY) and Congresswoman Jane Harman (D-CA) both testified. The [Department of Defense's Fourth Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military](#) cites 2,688 reported cases of sexual assault by military personnel in fiscal year 2007. Rep. Harman has introduced a bill urging the DOD to create a comprehensive strategy to investigate and prosecute sexual assault in the military and to improve protections for sexual assault victims once assaults are reported. At the hearing, Rep. Slaughter announced her intention to reintroduce The Military Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Act, which would create an Office of Victim Advocates within the DOD, improve counseling programs and confidentiality policies, and standardize the procedures for reporting and prosecuting perpetrators of sexual assault.

## **BPW/PAC ENDORSES OBAMA (Press Release)**

### **Business and Professional Women PAC Endorses Barack Obama for President**

#### **Points to Strong Support for Working Women and their Families**

**[August 25, 2008 -- Washington, DC] -- Citing Senator Barack Obama's strong support of working women and their families, BPW/PAC, the political arm of Business and Professional Women/USA (BPW/USA) has endorsed Senator Obama for President of the United States.**

**"The Trustees of BPW/PAC carefully analyzed the positions of both candidates before deciding to endorse Senator Obama," said BPW/PAC Board of Trustees Chair Terri Freer of Texas. "The Senator's commitment to sign the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, increase retirement savings opportunities for women, expand paid sick leave and FMLA, along with his support of workplace flexibility and affordable healthcare made it clear that he was the candidate most supportive of our mission to achieve equity for all women in the workplace."**

**"In addition, Senator Obama's assurance that he will ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and his support of reproductive rights, programs to fight violence against women and passage of the Equal Rights Amendment makes it clear that he is committed to ensuring that women's voices will be heard in his administration," concluded Board Chair Freer.**

**"2008 is a critical election for working women. Our wages, our ability to care for our families, our access to health care and our retirement security are at stake," said Trish Knight of Michigan, BPW/PAC Board Vice-Chair. "That is why BPW/PAC felt it was essential to let working women know which presidential candidate will best promote and protect the rights of workingwomen."**

**Established in 1979, the nonpartisan Business and Professional Women Political Action Committee (BPW/PAC) helps shape the national agenda on workingwomen's issues. Through education, endorsements and financial contributions, BPW/PAC supports federal candidates who will be strong advocates for equity for all women in the workplace.**

**For more information on BPW/PAC visit [www.bpwusa.org](http://www.bpwusa.org).**

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**AUGUST MEETING MINUTES – Submitted by Nena Matheny, Secretary****August 5, 2008**

## CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting was held Tuesday, August 5, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at the Madisonville Golf & Country Club. President-elect Algia Morrow called the meeting to order. The officers present were: Teresea Hatler, President; Algia Morrow, President-elect; Nena Matheny, Secretary; and Patti Fallin, Treasurer. The minutes from the July 1, 2008 meeting were printed in the August newsletter for review and approved at this meeting.

## ROLL CALL

Members attending: Sally Taylor Buie, Wanda Crowe, Patti Fallin, Julie Franklin, Teresea Hatler, Nena Matheny, Beth Moore, Algia Morrow, Wanda Morrow, and Sharon Smith.

Guests: Cindy Barnhill; Tanya Bowman; Evelyn Fine; Audrey Fowler, scholarship recipient; and Venus Legate. Tanya Bowman, Executive Director, Plans 4 U Youth Foundation was the speaker and spoke about abstinence and the mission of her new foundation.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report as of July 31, 2008 with a balance of \$1,232.04 was distributed and reviewed. The report will be filed for audit.

## CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you letter was received from the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts for the club's donation to the Star Pass program. The members are invited to a Contributor Reception which will be held on January 23, 2009 prior to the *Celtic Crossroads* performance at the Glema Center.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Wanda Crowe mentioned having a membership event to correspond with National Business Women's Week. She is working on recruiting new members.

National Business Women's Week – Sharon Smith discussed NBWW plans for the week of October 20-25. She plans to have a breast cancer awareness theme event. Sharon also asked the members to give consideration for the NBWW award recipients.

Scholarship – Audrey Fowler is receiving the 2008 scholarship award. She will attend Western Kentucky University and is entering the nursing program.

## NEW BUSINESS

Patti Fallin reviewed the BPW/USA conference held in Atlanta, GA. A non-policy resolution was passed. BPW/USA is losing money – there is the possibility of BPW/USA closing. The organization is asking members to reach out and encourage potential e-members to join, asking current members to pay their annual dues by October 1, and asking members to pledge money to increase funds for the organization.

Nena Matheny mentioned the ISurf Hopkins County web site. As a local organization, the club can have a free web page on this site.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A silent auction of purses, jewelry, and books netted \$64.

## ADJOURNMENT

Announcements and happy dollars were followed by the Emblem Benediction. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Nena Matheny, Secretary

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Lana Moore

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## **Editor's Note by Julie Franklin**

Many thanks to Teresea, Nena, Algia, and Wanda M., for their submissions to this edition.

The deadline is always the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Should you need extra time, just let me know.

Please submit your articles, info, reports, announcements, recipes, funnies, etc. to me as follows:

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